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This paper was prepared by a British national who is serving as President of the Iraq Irrigation Development Commission. It concludes that the harnessing of the great water resources of Iraq would require considerable expenditure. Since wealth would be created as a result of this expenditure, a proportion of such wealth should be allocated to pay for the expenditure. In the case of flood control, taxation would be required on urban property and on lands presently irrigated both by lift and flow; in the case of new irrigation, taxation on the new lands served thereby; and in the case of drainage, taxation on the lands served either in existing irrigation areas or extensions. Tentative details concerning methods of taxation are presented in the paper.

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